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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 22-29 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
receiving a print job identifying a print destination;  
determining a first location associated with a source of the print job;  
determining a second location associated with the print destination;  
determining a printing policy of the print job, the printing policy being based on the first location associated with the source of the print job and the second location associated with the print destination, and including determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility; and  
communicating the print job to the print destination if the print job satisfies the printing policy; and  
deleting the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities.
2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising deleting the print job if the print job does not satisfy the printing policy.
3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the first location is the same as the second location.
4. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility and whether the second location is in a controlled area of the common facility wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of the common facility, and further comprising deleting the print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility.
5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining a first location includes identifying a communication port associated with the source of the print job.

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6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining a second location includes identifying a communication port associated with the print destination.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the source of the print job and the print destination are located in a common facility.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the print job is received by a print server.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the print job destination is a printer.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:  
receiving a print job having an associated print destination;  
determining a first location associated with a source of the received print job;  
determining a second location associated with the print destination;  
communicating the received print job to the print destination if both the first and second locations are in a common facility, and the second location is in a controlled area of the common facility; and  
deleting the received print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities.

12. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:  
receiving a print job having an associated print destination;  
determining a first location associated with a source of the received print job;  
determining a second location associated with the print destination;  
communicating the received print job to the print destination if both the first and second locations are in a common facility, and the second location is in a controlled area of

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the common facility; and

deleting the received print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility.

13. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the common facility is a hotel.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the controlled area of the common facility is the front desk of the facility.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein determining a first location includes identifying a first network port associated with the source of the received print job.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein determining a second location includes identifying a second network port associated with the print destination.

17-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a network mapping application to identify devices coupled to a network;  
at least one printing policy; and  
a processor configured to execute the network mapping application and further configured to apply the at least one printing policy,  
wherein the server receives a print job identifying a print destination and determines a first location associated with a source of the print job and a second location associated with the print destination,

wherein the at least one printing policy is based on the source of the print job and the print destination, and wherein the print job is communicated to the print destination if the print job satisfies the at least one printing policy.

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wherein the at least one printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility, and wherein the processor is configured to delete the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities.

23. (Currently Amended) A server as recited in claim 22 ~~wherein the processor is further configured to delete the print job if the print job does not satisfy the at least one printing policy wherein the at least one printing policy further includes determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of the common facility, and wherein the processor is further configured to delete the print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility.~~

24. (Currently Amended) A server as recited in claim 23 ~~A server comprising:~~  
~~a network mapping application to identify devices coupled to a network;~~  
~~at least one printing policy; and~~  
~~a processor configured to execute the network mapping application and further configured to apply the at least one printing policy,~~  
~~wherein the server receives a print job identifying a print destination and determines a first location associated with a source of the print job and a second location associated with the print destination,~~  
~~wherein the at least one printing policy is based on the source of the print job and the print destination, and wherein the print job is communicated to the print destination if the print job satisfies the at least one printing policy,~~  
~~wherein the at least one printing policy includes determining whether the first location is the same as the second location determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of a facility, and wherein the processor is configured to delete the print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility.~~

25. (Currently Amended) A server as recited in ~~claim 24~~ ~~claim 22~~ ~~wherein the at least one printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility and whether the second location is in a controlled area of the common facility wherein the at least one printing policy further includes determining whether the first~~

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and second locations are located in a common facility, and wherein the processor is further configured to delete the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities.

26. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to:

receive a print job identifying a print destination;  
determine a first location associated with a source of the print job;  
determine a second location associated with the print destination;  
determine a printing policy of the print job, the printing policy being based on the first location associated with the source of the print job and the second location associated with the print destination; and

communicate the print job to the print destination if the print job satisfies the printing policy,

wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility, and wherein the computer program causes the one or more processors to delete the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities.

27. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 26 wherein the computer program further causes the one or more processors to delete the print job if the print job does not satisfy the printing policy wherein the printing policy further includes determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of the common facility, and wherein the computer program further causes the one or more processors to delete the print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility.

28. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to:

receive a print job identifying a print destination;  
determine a first location associated with a source of the print job;

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determine a second location associated with the print destination;  
determine a printing policy of the print job, the printing policy being based on the first  
location associated with the source of the print job and the second location associated with  
the print destination; and

communicate the print job to the print destination if the print job satisfies the printing  
policy.

wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the first location is the same  
as the second location determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of a  
facility, and wherein the computer program causes the one or more processors to delete the  
print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility.

29. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 28  
claim 26 wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the first and second  
locations are located in a common facility and whether the second location is in a controlled  
area of the common facility wherein the printing policy further includes determining whether  
the first and second locations are located in a common facility, and wherein the computer  
program causes the one or more processors to delete the print job if the first and second  
locations are in different facilities.

30. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12 wherein the common facility  
is a hotel.

31. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12 wherein the controlled area of  
the common facility is the front desk of the facility.

32. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12 wherein determining a first  
location includes identifying a first network port associated with the source of the received  
print job.

33. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 12 wherein determining a  
second location includes identifying a second network port associated with the print